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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of June 10, 2008, applicants, through the subscribing attorney, hereby amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this document.

The Remarks pertaining to this Amendment begin on page 7 of this document.

Applicants are submitting with this document a request for a three-month extension of the shortened statutory period for reply.